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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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20 July 44

To VIKTOR[i]

Your No. 2274[a]. KHAZAR[ii] very much wishes to return to his native country. There are no legal possibilities. On our assignment KHAZAR has gone to the LAND[KRAJ][iii] to ascertain the possibility of leaving illegally by making use of his acquaintance with members of the crew of the partisan steamship "SENGA", but it has been ascertained that the SENG is going to SIDON[iv]. Another ship, the "TIMOK", will be arriving, but it is not known when it will leave and for where. A local Yugoslav, one PETRINOVIC, intends to send his own ship to BARI in the near future with a cargo for the Partisans. He has agreed to take KHAZAR on as a member of the crew, but it is possible that the authorities will raise obstacles, since he has become a citizen of the COUNTRY[STRANA][v]. Whether this move will be possible will be ascertained in the next three weeks. Have you no other opportunities for sending him home?

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Your No. 3103[a]. DEKA[vi] [2 groups unrecovered] KOLO[vii]. [3 groups unrecovered] [C. introduced] to him [3 groups unrecovered] a citizenship of the COUNTRY [5 groups unrecovered] [B. departure].

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MAY[M.L.J.][viii]

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T.N.: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] "VIKTOR": Lt.Gen. Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[ii] "Kh.ZAR": Unidentified cover-name.

[iii] "The LAND": Canada →, possibly ~~CANADA~~.

[iv] "SIDON": LONDON.

[v] "The COUNTRY": The United States.

[vi] "DEKA": Possibly a cover-name meaning SOUNDING BOARD.
~~Repeated in the text. Unidentified.~~

[vii] "KOLO": Sava N. KOSLOVIC. Born in CROATIA in 1894. He began his career as a journalist in ZAGREB, and later entered politics, serving in the Yugoslav Parliament. When the Germans invaded Yugoslavia in 1941 he was Minister of Supply in the Yugoslav Government. He was Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States between 1946 and 1950. In April 1950 he left the United States to assume a position in TITO's Cabinet.

[viii] "MAJ": ~~Probably~~ Stepan Zakharovich APRESIAN.